

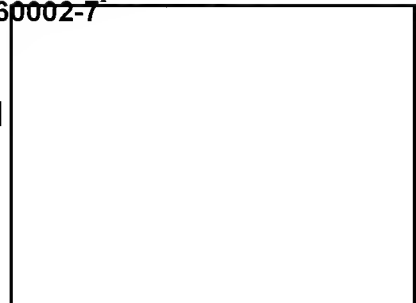


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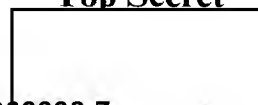


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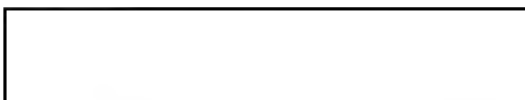
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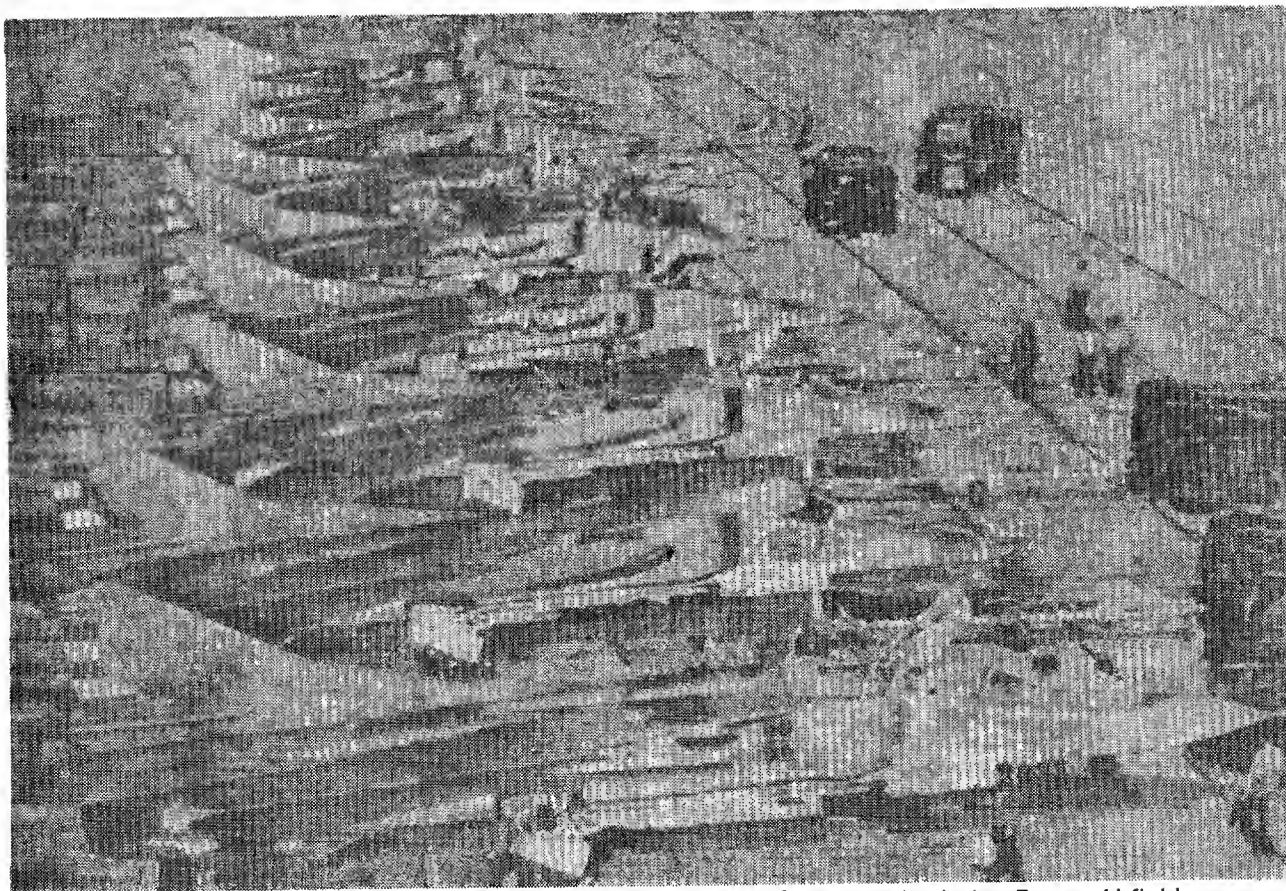
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The photograph of MIG-23s above, reportedly taken at San Antonio de los Banos Airfield, appeared in the Cuban magazine *Verde Olivo*.

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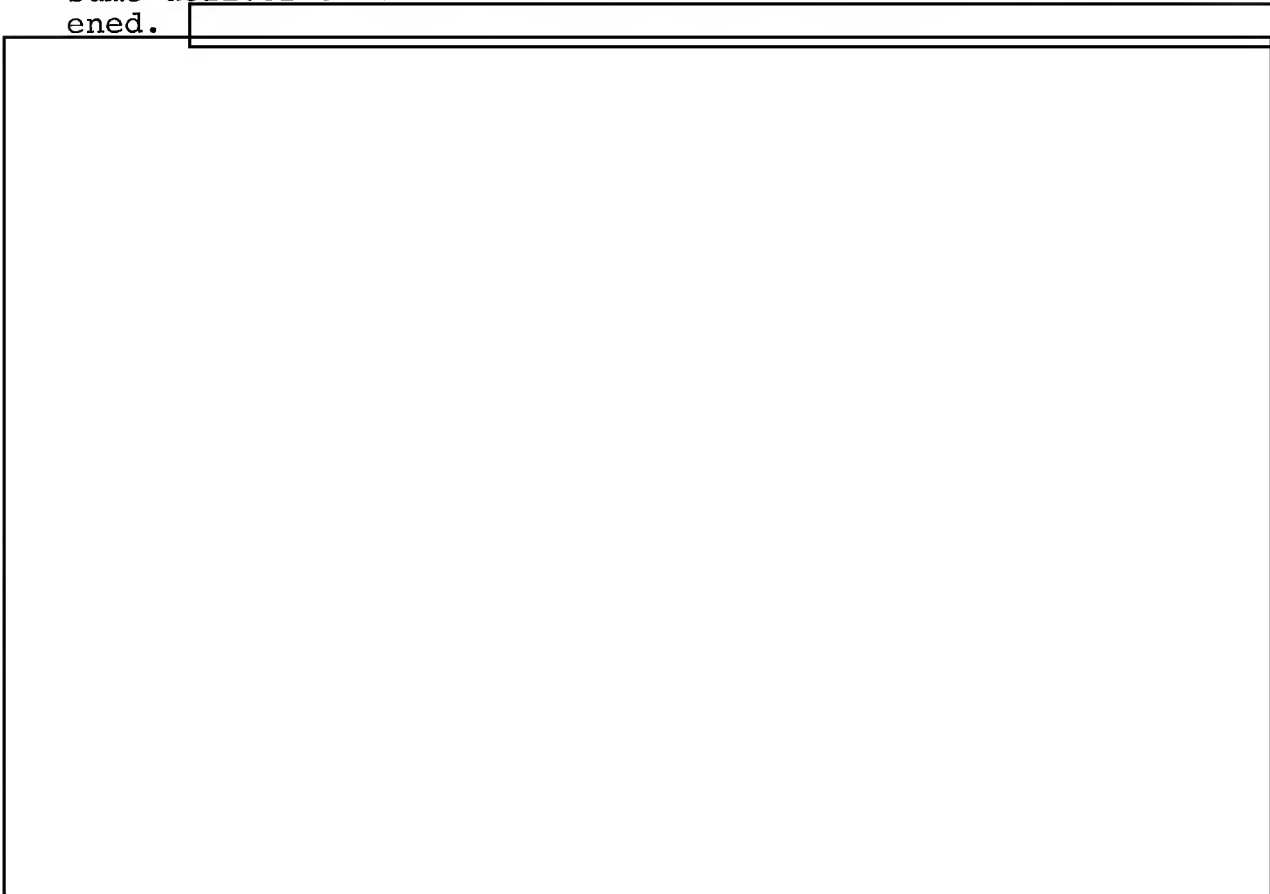


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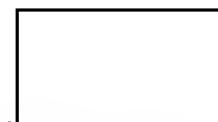
Cuba has attempted to allay US concern about its acquisition last year of MIG-23s from the USSR by publishing a pictorial "inspection" of the aircraft in its official military magazine. The article ostensibly is intended for Cubans who missed seeing the aircraft fly-over during the Havana military parade in January, but the photos show clearly that the planes are the export ground-attack variant of the MIG-23 (Flogger F) rather than the MIG-27 (Flogger D) used in the Soviet Tactical Air Force and that they are equipped to carry conventional ordnance. The Cubans may hope that the Soviets will resume deliveries once US concern over the MIG-23s is lessened.

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Middle East

An Arab League official told US Ambassador Eilts in Cairo that word of President Carter's Middle East visit had quieted all Arab disputes at the League meeting in Kuwait. According to the official, [redacted] Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud said that if Egypt signs a separate peace with Israel, the Baghdad summit conference resolutions against Egypt will be implemented. Ambassador Eilts reports that he has never seen his contact so concerned over what a separate peace treaty is likely to mean in terms of inter-Arab politics.

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COMMENT:

[redacted] *The Saudis may well stop aid to Egypt if President Sadat signs a separate peace treaty based on the Camp David accords because they ignore two essential conditions: the return of all Arab territory, including East Jerusalem, taken by Israel in 1967 and an independent Palestine.* [redacted]

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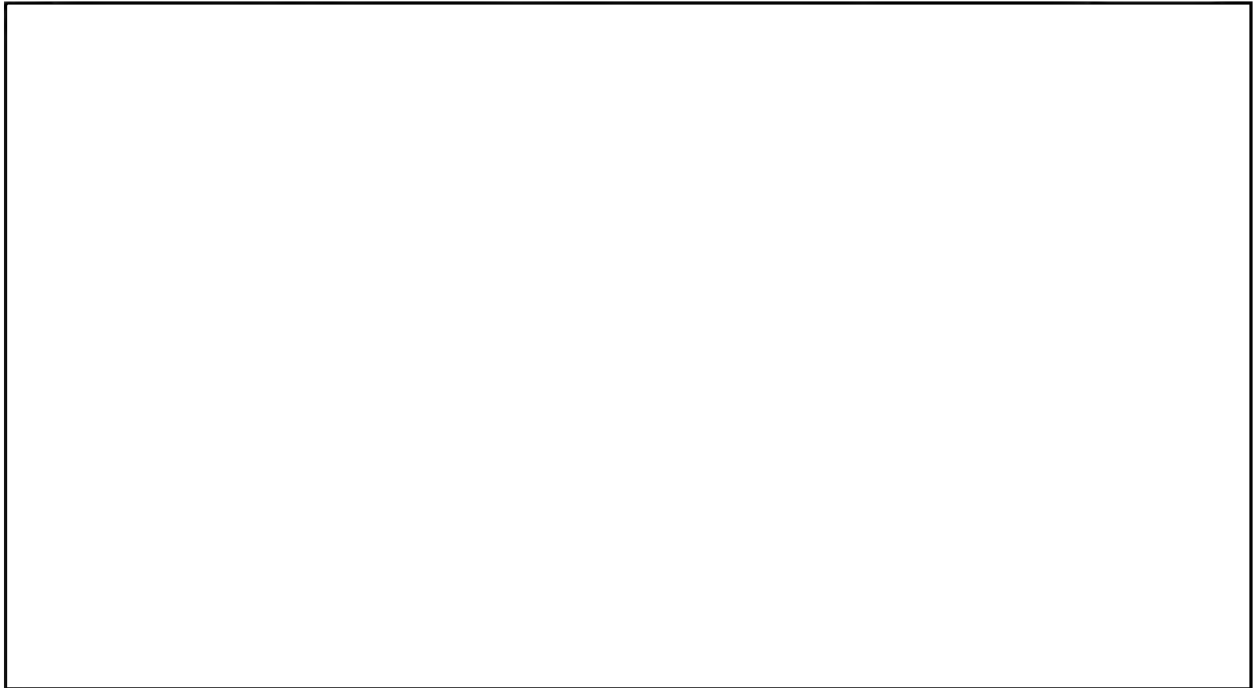


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Peru

According to a Western wire service report, the military government last night lifted the state of emergency and restored most constitutional guarantees suspended on 5 January. The decree reportedly states, however, that the provision against arrest without a warrant, however, will continue to be suspended. The government said it has ended the state of emergency in order to create "favorable conditions" for the upcoming election. 

Thailand-Kampuchea-Vietnam

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The US Embassy in Bangkok reports that the Thai Government continues to play down incidents on Sunday during which Vietnamese-supported Kampucheans briefly crossed the Thai border twice and killed a Thai soldier. The Embassy notes that the Thai public appears relaxed, in large part because of Hanoi's myriad troubles in Kampuchea and with the Chinese invasion. Thai Supreme Commander Soem told US Ambassador Abramowitz Monday evening that his government would take up the incident with the Vietnamese in diplomatic channels and would also take steps to strengthen its forces along the border in an effort to seal it; Soem admitted, however, that the Thais could not effectively seal the border. 

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